

REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his comments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this patent application, particularly in view of the following remarks. Currently, Claims 1-35 are pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

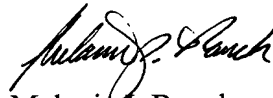
The provisional rejection of Claims 1-35 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 25 of copending U.S. Application No. 09/966,793 is respectfully traversed in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith.

Conclusion

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed in this response, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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